

COVID-19 Update: March 31, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Care Centers

Ambulatory care in our 15 Care Centers has quickly moved to Telehealth appointments, when possible, and is consolidating between some Centers. The temporary closures are to conserve critical resources and to keep our staff and patients well and safe. The close-knit community in each of our Care Centers has provided the opportunity for many of our staff members to personally reach out to our patients directly to help alleviate their anxiety and walk them through Telehealth, office transitions, and personal concerns.

- **Old Saybrook** temporarily closed and merged with Guilford
- **Fairfield** will temporarily close on April 3 and merge with Trumbull
- **Orange** will temporarily close on April 10 and merge with Derby

Radiology

YNHHS is transitioning to advance scheduling for all imaging tests, including X-rays. Walk-in appointments will not be accepted. In addition, a Radiology COVID-19 hotline has been set up at 475-246-9660 and will be available daily from 7am to 7pm. The Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Office at 2560 Dixwell Avenue in Hamden will exclusively serve patients who are COVID-19-positive or suspected to be.

CCSG Supplement

The Yale Cancer Center leadership is inspired by the incredible response from our membership for proposals to stimulate research on the novel coronavirus. With just over a day's notice, over 30 applications were submitted for internal review. A review committee of 14 people from the Cancer Center evaluated the submissions and selected two final proposals for submission to the NCI. We look forward to the NCI's review of our administrative supplement request, and hope the submission process stimulated new research ideas that will continue to move forward within our Cancer Center.

NIH Resources for Grant Applicants and Recipients

- [Video Update on COVID-19 Flexibilities](#)
- [Recent Updates \(by date\)](#)
- [New COVID-Related Funding Opportunities](#)

Patient & Family Forum and Town Hall

Tomorrow evening, April 1, we will host an online public forum for our patients and families at 7pm. [Information](#) has been distributed by email and social media. Please share with your patients and encourage them to send their questions in advance to canceranswers@yale.edu.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that in addition to our weekly updates, Laurie Santos, Professor of Psychology, Head of Silliman College, and teacher of the most popular course in Yale history, "Psychology and the Good Life" will join us for our weekly [Town Hall](#) on Thursday, April 2 at 5pm. Dr. Santos also shares her thoughts and research through a podcast, The Happiness Lab. Please schedule time to join us and send your questions by [email](#) for discussion.

Best regards,

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